

REPORT J. G. BENNETT VERY ILL ON YACHT

Cairo Despatch Says He Was Stricken With Fever in Red Sea.

RUMOR IS DOUBTED HERE

"Herald" Owner Left Paris About February 15 for Colombo, Ceylon.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, March 16.—A despatch from Cairo to the Central News says James Gordon Bennett is dangerously ill of fever on his yacht Lysistrata at Suez. He is reported to be delirious. Mr. Bennett will be 73 years old in May.

At the New York Herald office this statement was given out last night:

"No information has been received here to confirm in any way the Central News report. On the contrary, a cable was received today from Mr. Bennett, dated Port Sudan on the Red Sea, which is several days' journey from Suez, where Mr. Bennett is reported ill. This cable made no mention of his illness. Therefore it is believed that the report is erroneous and that Mr. Bennett is in his usual good health."

It has been Mr. Bennett's custom for years to spend the midwinter and spring in long cruises on his yacht. Formerly he visited the West Indies and the east coast of South America, but recently he has gone to the East, steaming as far as China on one cruise. Within the last year he has leased a house on the island of Ceylon near Colombo, where he intended to spend the early spring.

He left Paris about February 15, joined his yacht near Nice and arrived at Port Sudan on March 3.

James Gordon Bennett, who sent Stanley to find Livingston, who sent McGowan to Khiva, De Long to the Arctic, a man to discover the source of the Mississippi, who conducted a newspaper by cable, who of all editors first realized the news possibilities of wireless telegraphy, automobiles and dirigible balloons, was born in Chambers street, New York city, in May, 1841.

His father, James Gordon Bennett, whose name has always been associated with the great individual editors, Horace Greeley, Henry Raymond and Charles A. Dana, had then won success for his young newspaper and the Bennett home was in a fashionable neighborhood.

The only son, educated by tutors, went abroad in his early youth, where he acquired several languages. When the civil war broke out the young man, who had always shown a love for the sea, received a commission in the United States navy.

In 1856 he entered upon his life work, becoming managing editor of the *Herald*, executive head for his father, whom age has compelled to remain at his Port Washington estate. When the father died in 1872 the son became in fact the master of the newspaper property.

The son first evinced his initiative when he sent Henry M. Stanley, who was his correspondent at Madrid, to Central Africa to find Robert Livingston, the English explorer. The assignment was made tersely by cable and between that day and this the son had gone to the ends of the earth on similar missions, with as brief directions.

Mr. Bennett never married. His fortune is estimated at more than \$25,000,000. He owns two homes in New York city, the family homestead on Washington Heights and a town residence in East Fort-ninth street. He also owns a quarter interest in the Valley Farms company, which owns a square mile of undeveloped land on the northern border of New York city. He has other property in the Dryden section.

SAT ON A FIGHTING ALLIGATOR.

New Yorker Has a Wild Tussle With a Florida Monster.

PAUM BEACH, Fla., March 16.—L. H. Green of New York was attacked near here today by a female alligator after one of her young had swallowed his live bait, line and sinker, which Green was hauling toward his small boat. The lost upset and Green slid astride the mother alligator's back.

The guide dove into the water to escape her jaws, and Green quickly did likewise. Arthur Middleton of New York probably saved the lives of the two by striking the alligator across the nose repeatedly with his boathook while Green and his guide got ashore.

Green, Middleton, John Francis and William Dietrich, all of New York, who composed the fishing party, related the story.

5,000 GIRLS CALLED OUT TO-DAY.

Children's Dressmakers Union to Strike for Higher Wages. Red paper circulars printed in Yiddish, Italian and English will be distributed this morning among the 5,000 girls employed in the non-union shops where children's dresses are made. These circulars will call on the girls to quit work and to go to the meeting halls in accordance with a decision yesterday to go on strike.

The strike was decided on a week ago by the executive committee of the Children's Dressmakers Union and yesterday representatives of the girls in the various shops unanimously approved it. The decision is for a fifty-hour working week, a 15 per cent. increase in wages, under special conditions and a price committee in the shops to arrange for the wages of the piece workers.

FREEVILLE WELCOMES GEORGE.

Boy Citizens Draw His Sleigh From Station to His Home.

ITHACA, March 16.—Returning to his home in Freeville to-day after acquittal on charges against him William R. George, founder of the George Junior Republic, got a big reception at the hands of the citizens of the Freeville Republic and attaches of that institution. Practically every citizen of the Republic was at the station to greet "Daddy."

The boy citizens made a rush for Mr. and Mrs. George and hurried them to a sleigh, to which was attached a rope 100 feet long. The boys grasped the rope and pulled the founder and his wife from the depot to their home amid continued hurrahing. The girl citizens followed in a bus.

When the party reached the house Mr. George made a speech, in which he declared that the Junior Republic was to become a power for good in the world.

GETS LEPROSY FROM A WIG.

Wife of Danzig Official Sent to Leprosy Hospital.

BERLIN, March 16.—The wife of a Government official at Danzig has been sent to a leprosy hospital. The infection has been traced to a wig made of hair recently imported from China which she wore at recent carnival masquerade.

ONE DIES AT 116; OTHER AT 114.

Man Born in New York Said to Have Been Oldest in United States.

LAMAR, Mo., March 16.—Henry Derman, said to be the oldest man in the United States, died in his home here last night in his 116th year. He was born in Steuben county, New York, and fought through the civil war in the Seventh Michigan Regiment. He was wounded at Gettysburg.

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 16.—Isaac Cooley, reported to be 114 years old, is dead in his home in Escambia county. He was born in South Carolina and had more than 100 grandchildren.

IMPERATOR LIFEBOATS TORN FROM HER DAVITS

One Picked Up, Wireless to Boston From Another Ship Reports.

BOSTON, March 16.—The naval wireless station here reports that it heard the Hamburg-American liner *Imperator*, which sailed from Hamburg for New York on Wednesday, tell a story of heavy weather in which four of her lifeboats were torn from davits and hurled into the sea. One boat was picked up by another steamship, which reported the find to the Lizard.

LONDON, March 16.—The finding of one of the boats of the Hamburg-American liner *Imperator* by the steamer *Antillian* about 250 miles southwest of Brow Head caused a momentary flutter in the insurance market to-day. One or two nervous underwriters reinsured their risks at five shillings per cent, but the market generally soon decided the finding of the boat could be explained by the prevalence of a violent gale.

The Hamburg-American company announced later in the day that the captain of the *Imperator* had sent a wireless message stating that he had lost four stern lifeboats on March 14. The ship, the captain said, was very steady and the passengers were not affected in the slightest by the storm. The weather had afterward improved.

The *Imperator*, in her wireless message announcing that she was 1270 miles east of Sandy Hook at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, made no mention of the mishap. The *Imperator* is on her first westward trip of the year, after laying up all winter and undergoing interior alterations and a shortening of her funnels. She has an unusually large passenger list for March. Among her voyagers are Charles A. Whelan of East Orange, Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond, Mrs. John Astor, John S. Stewart, Baron von Uexkull of Berlin and Warren D. Robbins.

If the report that the *Imperator* has lost lifeboats is true, the great ship, looted of liners, must have encountered phenomena more than sixty feet above the level of the sea.

POWERS IN NEW ALLIANCE.

Germany May Join Russia, France and England.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. ST. PETERSBURG, March 16.—The *Napole Vremya* says highly sympathetic conversations have taken place between Berlin and Paris looking toward a regrouping of the Powers, whereby Germany will join Russia, France and England.

LONDON, March 17.—The Times this morning prints the news from St. Petersburg about a regrouping of the Powers in a conspicuous manner. It says: "It is apparently intended as a *balan d'essai*. There is no reason to regard it as having official sanction."

\$2,800 FOR GWINNETT LETTER.

New Yorker Buys Autograph of Signer of Independence Declaration.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 16.—As trustees of the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences the board of curators of the Georgia Historical Society has sold to Herbert L. Pratt of New York for \$2,800 a recently discovered autograph-signature of Button Gwinnett, an early Governor of Georgia, and one of the three signers of the Declaration of Independence from this State.

The autograph, which is very rare, was discovered at Telfair Academy by Mrs. J. F. Minis while she was arranging some old documents. Mr. Pratt learned of the find and made an offer for it, which was accepted.

SAY CHURCHILL WAS FENCED.

Man Escapes After Hitting Admiralty Chief in Mouth.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, March 16.—A Wolverhampton newspaper says that while the police were escorting Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, to the train after a speech at Bradford last Saturday, a man pushed his way through the police and the dense crowd and punched Mr. Churchill severely in the mouth. The man escaped.

POLICE IN SHIVERS AT SHOOFLY BOGY

Mysterious Men Trail the Footsteps of Officers On and Off Duty.

MITCHELL'S HAND IS SEEN

Stricter Espionage Feared Unless Opposition to Police Bills Ends.

Mysterious men who appear at nightfall and never seem to go home, in every one of the tenebrous of Manhattan, men who ceaselessly go down one block and up another, always peering, always trying back doors or side doors or front doors; men who profess to have an overwhelming desire to gamble a little or to dissipate in other ways, have thrown every police officer of the city, from lieutenant up, into a state bordering on nervous prostration.

They believe that Mayor Mitchell, assisted by Arthur Woods, his secretary, and Henry Bruere, the City Chamberlain, with the knowledge of Police Commissioner McKay, has instituted a "shoofly" system that has never been equalled in the city. They think further that it is an official answer to opposition to the police bills and that it will be as bad as those measures could possibly be for them. They do not know whence these "shooflies" come, but they believe they are from the Bureau of Municipal Research or the office of the Commissioner of Accounts.

Work in Squads of Five.

The men appeared in details of five in every one of the precincts not actually a strict residence section about three weeks ago. They were dressed as investigators almost immediately, but no one could identify them. They inspected post boxes which in most cases soon afterward were abolished. They followed policemen on patrol, and not long after that the old telephone system inaugurated by Commissioner McAdoo was restored in a police measure; then they went out after the various manifestations of life in every precinct.

One of the early menaces of their presence was that every police officer of a superior grade became conscious that he was under espionage. From inspector to sergeant on patrol they found that they were being followed not only on duty but off duty. They heard of quiet questions about how they spent their time at work and at play. If they went to restaurants they knew that they were being shadowed. If they went to the theatre their shadows were not far behind. One police officer who succumbed to a temptation to tango one night noticed the curious eyes of a man he had seen following him looking on.

Blamed for Gillen's Fall.

The credit for the demolition and charges against acting Police Inspector James Gillen is given to these "shooflies." They were in his district two weeks before charges were preferred against him and they went through the precincts in his district like experts. The policemen knew they were there, but when the raids were made by Lieut. Honest Dan Costigan the investigators did not appear and it is now known that they will appear as witnesses when the former acting inspector comes up for trial next Friday.

The investigators were in the district Sunday night presumably on excise work. They attempted to enter saloons around Twenty-eighth street and Seventh avenue, but the alarm had gone forth and they were turned back at all family entrances.

No police officer would admit anything about the new system last night. Some had heard there was some sort of an investigation, but none would admit that he knew anything about it. They shivered as they talked, however, and looked nervously around. Police captains do not know when they will receive the report that Costigan is "at it" in the precinct.

GARRISON AID BEATS FENCERS.

Breckenridge and His Brother Sensation Among Champions.

Assistant Secretary of War Henry S. Breckenridge, his brother, Dr. Scott Breckenridge, and J. A. McLaughlin of Washington descended upon the contestants of the national team fells championship at the New York Tug Venet last night and walked away with everything.

Although they were newcomers they defeated the New York Athletic team 5 to 0 and promptly repeated by the same score with the Fencers Club of New York.

Secretary Breckenridge won two bouts against the New York Athletic Club and one against the Fencers Club and he was engaged with Paul Meylan, national champion, when his brother won from A. V. Z. Post, which gave them the match. Then, as the Washington men had to hurry to catch a train, the Secretary and Mr. Meylan lifted their masks, saluted and shook hands.

It was a new team and the older fencers had not recovered from their astonishment when the evening's events closed. The Breckenridges of course are Kentuckians.

ALLERTON LEFT \$20,000,000.

Chicago Stockman's Will Filled in That City.

CHICAGO, March 16.—The will of Samuel W. Allerton, a pioneer in the stock yards here, was filed in the Probate Court today and disposes of an estate valued at \$20,000,000. It provides for bequests to Mrs. Agnes C. Allerton, the widow; Robert Henry Allerton, son; Mrs. Kate Allerton Johnston, daughter, and the latter's two sons and her husband; Julia Moyhan, a servant, and William P. Williams of Chicago, a friend.

CARUSO MAY GET \$3,000 A NIGHT.

New Contract Terms Said to Break All Records.

It was reported last night that Enrico Caruso will receive \$3,000 a night from the Metropolitan Opera Company the season after next. His new contract, which it was said was signed yesterday, is reported to guarantee him a raise of \$500 over his present rate of \$2,500 for every time he sings.

It will be the highest salary any tenor ever received, and with the possible exception of Adelina Patti, no singer ever has got as much for one night's singing. If all goes well with Caruso he is likely to gather in about \$200,000 for the season of 1915-1916.

When M. Caruso came to this country first he was under contract calling for \$1,000 a performance.

APIA SURVIVORS' REUNION.

130 German Sailors Who Were in Disaster Meet at Kiel.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. BERLIN, March 16.—The German survivors of the great hurricane which destroyed German and American warships and cost the lives of 148 officers and sailors at Apia, Samoa, on March 16, 1889, met at Kiel to-day to observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of that disaster. About 130 of the crews of the German warships Eber, Adler and Olga were present under command of Baron von Eberhardt, who was the commander of the Olga at the time of the disaster.

Six warships and fifteen merchant vessels were caught in Apia harbor by the hurricane and most of them were smashed to pieces on the rocks. Among these were the Trenton (flagship) and the Vandalla and Nipise of the American Pacific Squadron. The Germans lost the gunboat Eber and the flagship Adler, but the Olga, which grounded, managed to get off. The Germans lost five officers and ninety men and the Americans fifty-one officers and men.

The disaster occurred at a time when the ships of the two countries and also of Great Britain had assembled at Apia during an international dispute over Samoa.

\$600 SHARES IN BANK TO BE SOLD FOR \$160

Bargain Sale Open Only to Executors of Estate of F. S. Thompson.

A bargain sale of 1,000 shares of stock in the Chase National Bank is disclosed in an answer filed in the Supreme Court yesterday by Princeton University in a suit to determine the disposition of 1,000 shares of Chase National stock owned by F. S. Thompson, who died February 15, 1913, leaving over \$2,000,000 to Princeton. His grandfather founded the Chase National Bank, and he owned a total of 2,750 shares.

Although the Chase stock is worth about \$600 a share, the 1,000 shares are to be sold to the executors under Mr. Thompson's will for \$160 a share. The answer of Princeton University shows that on March 30, 1908, Mr. Thompson transferred the Chase stock to the United States Trust Company as trustee under the will of his mother, Mrs. Abby Thompson, to form part of her residuary estate, from which he had the income. The trust agreement provided that the stock was to be returned to him on the payment of \$160,000. He instructed his representative to take up the stock, but before his wishes could be carried out he died.

Under Mr. Thompson's will his estate is to be held in trust for the payment of \$15,000 a year to his widow, Mrs. Louise Grasset Thompson of Paris. Princeton University asks the court to approve an agreement by which the 1,000 shares of stock are to be held by Mr. Thompson's executors until the death of his wife, when one-third goes to Princeton, six-fifteenths to the Seaman's Church Institute and four-fifteenths to the Skin and Cancer Hospital.

DECORATION FOR CARNEGIE.

Denmark Confers Grand Cross of Order of Danebrog.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. COPENHAGEN, March 16.—King Christian has conferred the grand cross of the Order of Danebrog on Andrew Carnegie.

ROBINS ARE SURE IT'S SPRING.

Sunshine Yesterday Also Put Passy Willows in Bloom.

Bluebirds and robins, according to reports from the wooded districts of the suburban boroughs and from New Jersey and Westchester towns, were inspired by the ardent sunshine yesterday to pipe the advent of spring, due here by calendar at three minutes past 6 o'clock on Saturday morning.

Pussy willows began blooming, and in the Hudson, off Hastings, three hair seals were seen to slide off ice floes and head down to the sea. Garden snakes were killed in Passaic, N. J., and all Long Island started to get their automobiles out the melting snow.

The Weather Bureau, national and local, declared that the rise in temperature was indicative of the approach of the warm season.

The highest temperature yesterday got up to the vernal notch of 53 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It will also be spring-like to-day, and probably a bit cooler.

HEAT WAVE HITS CALIFORNIA.

High Mark Is 91.5 in San Francisco and 92 in Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—An intense heat wave struck San Francisco and other points in the bay region to-day and the mercury climbed to 84.6 in the shade. At the local Weather Bureau quarters the high mark was 78 at Sacramento and 68 at Red Bluff. In San Joaquin Valley 78 was the highest registered. Los Angeles had the hottest day of all, with 93 degrees registered.

UNIQUE OPERATION AS PARALYSIS CURE

Dr. William Sharpe Shows Successful Cases Before Medical Association.

RELIEVES BRAIN PRESSURE

Motion Pictures Made to Show Rapid Improvement in Patients.

Dr. William Sharpe told the Medical Association of Greater New York in the Academy of Medicine last night about a new operative treatment for spastic paralysis or paralysis accompanied by spasms which he has found to be successful. He called in nearly a dozen patients, all children who had been either unable to walk or to use their arms, and had them parade up and down the aisle to show the doctors present the startling results of the operation which he performed.

Dr. Sharpe performed an operation to relieve intracranial pressure by making a subtemporal decompression. He said he had selected the worst cases he could find from the Orthopedic and Rupture and Cripple hospitals and reported on thirty-four of them. In some instances he operated on only one side of the child's head to relieve the intracranial pressure as a result of hemorrhage. In others the operation was performed first on one side and a month later on the other.

"I have had moving pictures taken of all these children," said Dr. Sharpe, "and these pictures will show how the children had muscular contractions or deformities. An arm or a leg, or both, were drawn up so that they couldn't walk or use the arm. Pictures taken of the subjects after the operation and subsequent treatment show the great improvement. The children walk around and can use their arms."

One of the subjects Dr. Sharpe showed the society last night was a girl who was operated on a month ago, he said. She had never walked. Her legs were crossed as a result of paralysis with convulsions. She is now beginning to walk. Dr. Sharpe said that he had to make a bilateral decompression on her to increase the intracranial capacity three inches.

"Intracranial hemorrhage over the cortex is the most frequent cause of this paralysis," said Dr. Sharpe. "The operations of the past are of only temporary benefit. The spasticity returns later. This new operation is not a formidable procedure. I have had three deaths and they were extreme types. I find that the mentality of the subject is also increased by the operation. This improvement is striking. They become awakened to surroundings where they were not formerly observant."

Dr. Sharpe said that the doctor who has been working with him found out last week that the temperature of a subject was greatly decreased by turning the child upside down.

MAY MAIL LETTER WITH PARCEL.

Bureau's New Rule Provides for Putting Two Together.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Postmaster-General Burleson signed an order to-day providing that the sender of a parcel post package on which postage at the fourth class, or parcel post rate, is fully prepaid may place a communication in an envelope prepaid at the first class, or letter rate, and attach it to the parcel, the envelope being addressed to correspond with the address on the parcel.

The order must be tied or otherwise securely fastened to the outside of the parcel in such manner as to prevent its separation from the parcel.

ASKS \$10,000 FOR "TRIFLING."

Girl Has Man Arrested to Impress Him With His Wickedness.

Morris Benjamin, manager for a printing firm, was arrested by deputy sheriffs yesterday in a suit brought by Miss Rose Jacobs for \$10,000 damages for breach of promise. He was released on giving \$1,000 bail.

Miss Jacobs said that the reason she wanted Benjamin arrested was "to impress the fact on the defendant that it is wrong and wicked to trifle with the love and affection of a decent girl who placed her confidence in him and who has betrayed her by false promises and protestations of love."

MILITANT POSES AS MAN.

Woman With Whip Arrested in Lobby of Commons.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, March 16.—The watchfulness of the Parliamentary police saved somebody from assault in the central lobby of the House of Commons to-day.

A man who had passed the janitor on the pretext of interviewing a member of the House attracted the notice of a policeman, who kept close to him until an inspector passed. The policeman then called his attention to the man, saying he believed it was a woman in disguise.

The "man" was arrested and proved to be a woman. She had a riding switch concealed beneath her overcoat. She will be charged in court with wearing male clothes with an unlawful purpose.

SHOUTS POETRY TO DANCER.

Youth's Polish Effusions in Theatre Land Him in Believew.

While Mlle. Dazie was dancing at the Palace Theatre, forty-seventh street and Seventh avenue, last night, a young man in the fourth row stood up on his chair and began shouting Polish poetry to her. He wouldn't stop for the ushers, so a policeman arrested him and sent him to the psychopathic ward at Bellevue for observation.

He said he was Sergius Sokolowsky, 25 years old, a student of natural history at Columbia University, living at the Hotel Endicott, eighty-fourth street and Columbus avenue. He was well dressed and had \$362 in his pockets. He told the police that his family was great in Russia and that he hadn't slept in three days.

TEACHERS' PAY BILL PASSES.

State Senate Votes to Raise Salaries in Certain Grades.

ALBANY, March 16.—The State Senate to-night passed the Foley-Lockwood bill equalizing the salaries of teachers in the seventh and eighth grades in the grammar schools of New York city.

The women now get but \$1,800, while the men teachers get \$2,400, and if this bill passes the Assembly the women will get a \$600 increase.

SIR JOHN MURRAY KILLED.

Famous Naturalist Meets Death in Auto Crash—Daughter Injured.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, March 16.—Sir John Murray, the famous naturalist and oceanographer of Edinburgh, was killed to-day in an automobile accident. His daughter, who was with him in the car, was seriously injured.

Sir John Murray was born at Coburg, Canada, in 1841. He served as a naturalist on the historic voyage of the Challenger during her scientific cruise from 1872 to 1876. He delivered lectures in the United States at Boston and Chicago in 1911.

DEMOCRATS IGNORE WILSON.

Stand of Gov. Hooper, Republican, Indorsed in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 16.—Democratic hopes of harmony in Tennessee, as advocated by President Wilson in a statement issued Saturday, received a shock to-day at the State committee meeting of the independent, or Carmack, Democrats. The committee in selecting April 22 for a convention date, indorsed the course of Gov. Hooper, Republican, elected twice as the fusion candidate.

In dealing with President Wilson the committee officially expressed regret that he had allowed himself to lend an ear to Democratic promises in national affairs, meaning the Tennessee Representatives in Congress, while Gov. Hooper had twice been supported by members of the committee.

CLARA MORRIS TAKES UP GUITAR PLAYING

Actress to Celebrate This and Also 69th Birthday on St. Patrick's Day.

Clara Morris, an actress who has delighted so many audiences in this country and abroad, will celebrate her sixty-ninth birthday to-day, and also the fact that she is rapidly becoming an accomplished artist with the guitar. She began to study the guitar three months ago for diversion from the tediousness of confinement in a sick bed.

She lies in a quiet old house on the Sound at Westchester, L. I., and her husband lies ill in the same room. She is full of hope and cheer and the delicate humor which all who knew her on the stage must remember. As a proof of that the following note written to a reporter for THE SUN, who called yesterday is offered:

"MY DEAR SIR: I am flat down in bed with sciatica, but for heaven's sake don't say so. I have been better, truly. My vision is of course limited, but I am so happy to see at all that I only complain when I can't see my notes—for now I live with an ancient guitar on the foot of the bed and a seed catalogue at hand."

"Jesting aside, I am extra happy because my husband (who received a stroke of paralysis) is better, and my mother, who is 90, has fought through pneumonia safely. So thank you with all my heart for the interest THE SUN shows for my welfare, and—"

"Here's hoping that you yourself, sir, may have the courage to come some day when spring is here and be received by yours."

CLARA MORRIS.

It is true that Miss Morris keeps an "ancient guitar" at the foot of her bed. She has been studying that instrument assiduously and is now, so her nurse said, able to play very well. The instrument may be heard at midnight or 3 o'clock in the morning, in fact at any hour when the spirit moves her to play.

POLICE BILLS TO BE FAVORED.

Assembly Committee Votes to Recommend Their Passage.

ALBANY, March 17 (Tuesday).—The Assembly Committee at 1:30 A. M. this morning after an hour's executive session voted to report favorably the Mitchell New York city police bills in the form of one bill. The consolidated measure does not change materially the five bills as originally introduced.

Assemblymen Hoff of Brooklyn, Malone of Albany, Horton of Erie, Stoddard and Ellenbogen of Manhattan, Bucheler of Onondaga, Phillips of Monroe, Republicans, and Thayer of Erie, Progressive, voted for the bills, and Blakey of Westchester, Republican, and McCue of New York, Democrat, against.

HUSBAND NAMES DEAD DOCTOR.

Dr. Cropsey's Suit Explains Suicide Letter of Dr. Baun.

RUTHERFORD, N. J., March 16.—Dr. C. B. Cropsey of Donaldson avenue, Rutherford, had papers in divorce proceedings served on his wife to-night. Dr. Cropsey names as correspondent Dr. Edward De Baun of Paterson, who is dead.

Dr. De Baun shot himself in January, leaving a letter which said that he was the victim of a hopeless love. There was considerable speculation at the time as to who might be the object of his affection, but the name never came out.

Dr. De Baun's letter, which he left on a table in the room in which he took his life, was as follows: